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E. O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR STATEMENTS ON HUEBNER CASE

REFS: (A) BONN 7415  
(B) USBER 904  
(C) STATE 96906  
(D) BONN 6919

SUMMARY: AT A SPECIAL BONN GROUP MEETING APRIL 21 TO  
CONSIDER THE HUEBNER CASE, AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED  
ON THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS A  
PRESS STATEMENT, BOTH FOR DELIVERY IN BERLIN. THE  
STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS WOULD BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE AND THE PRESS STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE SOON  
THEREAFTER IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS. ACTION  
REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXTS AND METHOD OF USE.  
END SUMMARY

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1. AT A SPECIAL BONN GROUP MEETING APRIL 21, AT  
WHICH THE USBER LEGAL ADVISER WAS PRESENT, THE FRENCH  
REP (RICHARD) INTRODUCED PROPOSED TEXTS FOR A STATEMENT  
TO THE SOVIETS AND A PRESS STATEMENT. THEY WOULD BE  
DELIVERED BY THE CHAIRMAN POLAD AND PRESS OFFICERS  
RESPECTIVELY. THE PRESS STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE IN  
RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES (STIMULATED IF NECESSARY) FROM

SEVERAL JOURNALISTS.

2. RICHARD SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE QUAI AND, AT THE WORKING LEVEL, THE QUAI IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE USE OF A PRESS STATEMENT. UK REP (EYERS) SAID THAT THE FCO WORKING LEVEL, IN TURN, IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE USE OF A STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS.

3. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS WERE THEREAFTER AGREED AD REF:

BEGIN TEXT

PRESS STATEMENT

THE ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMAN MADE CLEAR THE POSITION OF THE THREE POWERS ON (BLANK) MARCH. AS HE SAID, THE ALLIED POSITION ON THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN IS WELL KNOWN AND HAS BEEN REPEATED OFTEN. THE QUADRIpartite LEGISLATION ON DEMILITARIZATION APPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF BERLIN. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE IN NO DOUBT THAT THE ALLIED POSITION ON THIS REMAINS UNCHANGED.

DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS

THERE HAS BEEN RECENTLY WIDESPREAD PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
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ASPECTS OF THE DEMILITARIZATION OF BERLIN. THE POSITION OF THE THREE POWERS ON THIS QUESTION IS WELL KNOWN. IT HAS OFTEN BEEN REPEATED. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN A LETTER OF 10 FEBRUARY 1962 ADDRESSED TO THE SOVIET COMMANDANT, THE THREE ALLIED COMMANDANTS PARTICULARLY DEPLORED THE ENACTMENT OF EAST GERMAN LEGISLATION INTRODUCING COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE AND ITS APPLICATION TO GERMAN RESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY. THE POSITION OF THE THREE POWERS REMAINS UNCHANGED: DEMILITARIZATION LEGISLATION APPLIES TO THE WHOLE OF BERLIN.

END TEXT

4. IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONCERN OF THE FRG AND SENAT THAT FALSE HOPES NOT BE AWAKENED IN EAST BERLIN (REF D, PARAGRAPH 6) IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING TEXT COULD BE USED AS A "DEFENSIVE LINE" IN CASE, WHICH WE ASSUME IT WILL, THE QUESTION IS RAISED AS TO WHAT THE ALLIES PLAN TO DO ABOUT HUEBNER. BEGIN TEXT THE WESTERN COMMANDANTS SAID 30 YEARS AGO THAT "OWING TO SOVIET OBSTRUCTION, IT WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM

TO CARRY OUT THEIR DECISIONS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS FOR

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THE PRESENT." END TEXT

5. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENT CAME IN REGARD TO A MORE SPECIFIC MENTION, IN THE PRESS STATEMENT, THAT THE ALLIES HAD TAKEN UP THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIETS. CONSISTENT WITH INSTRUCTIONS (REF C), THE US REP SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE DONE, E.G. USING SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES "AS WE HAVE AGAIN MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS, ETC." THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) AGREED WITH THIS SUGGESTION, SUGGESTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE WORDS "HAVE BEEN LEFT IN NO DOUBT." BOTH RICHARD AND EYERS SAID THAT THEIR CAPITALS WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO GO SO FAR, HOWEVER. THE FCO WOULD ONLY RELUCTANTLY AGREE TO THE IDEA OF A STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS AND THE FRENCH WILL ONLY RELUCTANTLY AGREE TO A PUBLIC STATEMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, NEITHER WISH TO SAY MORE THAN NECESSARY.

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6. WHEN PRESSED FOR REASONS SUPPORTING THIS POSITION, EYERS GAVE THE FOLLOWING:

A) TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, PUBLICLY, THAT THE ALLIES HAVE TAKEN THE MATTER UP WITH THE SOVIETS WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THE SENSE THAT WE WERE OPENLY RESPONDING TO PUBLIC PRESSURE.

B) AN EXPRESS STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE MADE A STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS WOULD INCREASE PRESS INTEREST AND RESULT IN MORE PUBLICITY THAN THE ALLIES OR THE GOVERNING MAYOR WANTS.

C) WE DO NOT WISH TO AWAKEN FALSE HOPES THAT WE CAN IN FACT DO ANYTHING WITH RESPECT TO HUEBNER.

D) THE MORE OFTEN THAT WE TELL THE PUBLIC THAT WE HAVE MADE PROTESTS, THE MORE THE PUBLIC WILL EXPECT THAT WE PROTEST AND THAT THIS BE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

7. COMMENT: SINCE WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NOT FOR THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON THE TREATMENT OF HUEBNER BUT FOR THE REASSURING EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON BERLINERS, WE RECOMMEND THE ABOVE TEXTS AS THE BEST COMPROMISE WHICH MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CAPITALS IN THE SHORTEST TIME. THE FRG REP SAID THE FRG COULD LIVE WITH THE AD REF TEXTS ALTHOUGH HE, LIKE WE, WOULD IDEALLY PREFER A CLEARER REFERENCE TO THE APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS.

8. THE REPLY TO THE LETTERS OF LORENZ ET AL, ON WHICH  
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THE BERLIN MISSIONS ARE WORKING, WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DRAFTED WITH THE PUBLIC STATEMENT IN MIND.

9. WITH RESPECT TO THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 3 SUPRA, WE ARE NOT SURE OF THE DATE IN MARCH OF THE PRESS STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED IN BERLIN (PARAGRAPH 5 OF USBER 730) SO THE MISSING DATE WILL HAVE TO BE SUPPLIED IN BERLIN.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF AD REF TEXTS AND METHODS OF USE.

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